THE WAR YEARS
1941 - 1946
1941
1942
Carroll E. Keen - Age 20 Years
344 53rd Street, Newport News, Virginia
Place of Marriage, Summer 1942
John C. Keen – June 17
Alabama Training Camp
1943 - 1945
Grace, age 16, and Pete Keen, age 20
5 Howard Court (Beaconsdale), Newport News Virginia
Late 1942 or Early 1943
1943

1945
850 29th Street, Newport News VA
Carroll Keen and Carroll Keen, Jr.
who is 3 or 4 Days Old
1945
Pete
850 29th Street, Newport News, Virginia
January 1-6, 1945
Pete and Carroll Keen, Jr.
January 1-6, 1945
850 29th Street, Newport News, Virginia
Carroll Keen and Carroll Keen, Jr.
who is 3 or 4 Days Old
The Queen Mary holds the record for the most people ever aboard a ship during a single crossing. The historic event took place during WW II when "The Grey Ghost" transported more than 16,000 troops at one time.

PFC Carroll Keen left for Europe on the RMS Queen Mary. He left New York City on 25 January 1945, leaving behind his wife, Grace, and infant son, Carroll Jr.

Pictured left to right are the three largest troopships of their time: The Normandie, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Prime Minister Winston Churchill often credited the two "Queens" with shortening World War II by a year because of their capacity for transporting troops - as many as 16,000 in a crossing.
## 1945 Queen Mary Crossings

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Queen Mary
Deck Plans
Queen Mary Today in Long Beach, California
Ghost Town, France, March 20
Last Stop Before the Siegfried Line

Pat Kegans and Pete,
Danstadt, Germany, March, 1945
Just Prior to Crossing the Rhine River.
The Rhine was crossed on a pontoon bridge under a smoke screen at Ludwigshafen, Germany.
PFC Carroll Keen
Danstadt, Germany, March, 1945
This bridge into Stuttgart is typical of German bridge demolition during retreat. Note the foot-bridge on the left which PFC Keen used many times.
APRIL
7 April
Skiba, Rigelsky, Sadiler, Eutsey, Walton, and PFC Keen captured four SS soldiers and killed one. From this house they sniped at Germans all afternoon.

In this place PFC Keen helped pick up a good friend who was seriously wounded on April 7, 1945

Jagsfield, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen with German 88mm antiaircraft flak gun after VE day
Mid 1945.

Jagsfield, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen
April 20, last day on the front lines

Schondorf, Germany
Paul North, Peter Pecylak, PFC Keen
April 20, last day of combat

Schondorf, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen and S/Sgt. Frank Annunipato guarding forty-three prisoners at Looch, Germany
John Keen and Carroll Keen

Nancy, France
Squad Orchestra
L-R From Back: Fairchild, Keen, Stocia, Robitellieo, Sadilek

Winnenden, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen (Engineer) and PFC Paul (Loot) Noeth
This engine was strafed by allied aircraft.
It has 50 caliber holes on the other side of the engine and was originally captured by Germany

Kirchberg, Germany
AUGUST
PFC Carroll Keen on guard duty

Fellbach, Germany
L-R. PFC Carroll Keen, Beothby, Sadilck, Stoica shown with Browning automatic rifle

Fellbach, Germany
Fellbach, Germany

PFC Carroll Keen

Fellbach, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Boothby

Fellbach, Germany
Fellbach, Germany

PFC Carroll Keen (R) and PFC Larry Fairchild (PFC Keen won the match)

Fellbach, Germany
L-R. St. Laurent, Hunt, Black, Armstrong,
Surles, Joiner, Bell, Cassell

German Tank On the Road to Fellback After V-E Day
PFC Carroll Keen and Friends

German Tank On the Road to Fellback After V-E Day
3rd Platoon - 2nd Squad, F-CO-398 Infantry, 100th Division  
L-R. Top Row. PFC Carroll Keen, Fairchilds, Stocia, Sadilek, Kegans  
Bottom Row: Walton, Boothby, Robitello, Kasberger

Fellbach, Germany
PFC Keen and PFC Walton

PFC Keen and PFC Mila

Fellbach, Germany
Fellbach, Germany

PFC Carroll Keen and Friends

Fellbach, Germany
OCTOBER
Return to England and Scotland on RR Leave
PFC Keen at entrance to Edinburgh Castle
HMS Queen Elizabeth, South Hampton, England
PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Jackson on the way to England

Red Cross Club, Etnetat, France
NOVEMBER
PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Snowden, 504th M.P.

Goeppingen, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Jackson
PFC Keen was licensed and sometimes drove the Recon-Car

Goeppingen, Germany
NOTES
1. To be legible only after strict and practical examination.
2. Permit will be authenticated by commissioned officer immediately after test for each type of vehicle concerned.
3. Where testing facilities do not permit cross-country driving, permit will be marked "limited" after each type of vehicle concerned.
4. List accidents below. If more than three are charged to the permit holder, his driving ability, and mental attitude should be investigated before issuance of new permit.

RECORD OF ACCIDENTS
(List all in which permit holder is involved)

Date
Responsibility and cause
Estimated cost of damages
Officer's initials

Date
Responsibility and cause
Estimated cost of damages
Officer's initials

Date
Responsibility and cause
Estimated cost of damages
Officer's initials

Valid \( \{ \) without \( \} \) glasses

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(Operator's A.S.N.)

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MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S PERMIT

13 Dec., 1945
(Date of issue)

(Operator's signature)

(I certify that)
Pfc Carroll E. Keen
(Name and rank)

has demonstrated proficiency in driving (par. 16, A/R 850-15) the types of vehicles listed below as per signed authentication.

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W.D., A.G.O., Form No. 8-74
(Old W.D., O.G. Form No. 253) which may continue in use)
17 Jan 1941
PFC Carroll Keen

Goeppingen, Germany
PFC Carroll Keen
Industrial Section of Goeppingen

Goeppingen, Germany
FEBRUARY
L-R. PFC Kanus, CPL Stephens, CPL Keen

Giessen, Germany
CPL Carroll Keen

Giessen, Germany
MARCH
CPL Keen and CPL Capobianchi
Assigned to a detachment of about 35 who worked with C.I.C. and C.I.D

Cologne, Germany
Cologne, Germany

Back-Front, L-R. SGT Johnson, CPL Keen, S/SGT Gordon
Lt. Waddell, SGT Hardy, CPL Capobianchi

Cologne, Germany
CPL Carroll Keen and CPL Capobianchi

Cologne, Germany
Cologne, Germany

CPL Carroll Keen, Davidson (British) From Cologne Stadium, PVT May

Cologne, Germany
CPL Carroll Keen and Friends

Cologne, Germany
CPL Keen returned home on the Wheaton Victory, departing out of Le Havre, France on 6 May 1946. It docked in New York City on 15 May 1946. He was given $10.00 for bus fare home to Newport News, Virginia. He hitch-hiked home and reached the arms of his wife, Grace, and infant son, Carroll Jr., midnight, 19 May 1946. He came home safe and sound to a loving wife and a grateful country.
Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

CARROLL K. KEHN, 33 899 392, CORPORAL,
398TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 100TH DIVISION,

is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given at SEPARATION CENTER, FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND.

Date 19 MAY 1946.

JOHN W. MAZER
MAJ AUD
DEAR FELLOW VETERAN:

I congratulate you upon completion of your service in the armed forces and for your part in bringing to a conclusion a two-front war which resulted in the unconditional surrender of the Axis Powers.

Having been appointed by the President as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, I want to state generally the provisions made by our Government for you and other veterans.

Among the benefits that you may be entitled to are compensation for disabilities, hospitalization, home, farm and business loan guarantee, readjustment allowances, insurance, rehabilitation and vocational training, educational courses, assistance in obtaining employment and provision for your dependents.

Eligibility for each one is dependent upon the facts in the individual case.

If you are interested in any of these provisions, you should write or contact the Veterans Administration office nearest your home. For your convenience, there is, on the reverse of this letter, a list of the Regional Offices with the address of each office.

I feel I should warn you the last deduction for your Government insurance premiums has been made from your service pay. This means from now on you must make these premium payments directly to the Collections division, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

DON'T LET YOUR INSURANCE LAPSE! YOU OWE THIS TO YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

I assure you that the Veterans Administration stands ready to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

OMAR N. BRADLEY,
General, U. S. Army,
Administrator.
To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation’s finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Education

This Diploma is Awarded to

Carroll Edward Ken
who has completed the requirements for graduation from

Pittsylvania High School

Given at Chatham, this 24th day of May, 1939

[Signatures]

Chairman of School Board
F. E. Watson
Superintendent of Schools

Principal
SEVENTH UNITED STATES ARMY
MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL

Heidelberg University
Germany

Date 17 November 1945

This is to certify that

PFC CARROLL S. KEEN, 338932

has successfully completed the prescribed two weeks course in the
following subjects:

Military Law
Criminal Investigation
Military Police Duties
Traffic Control
Judo

Robert B. Dean
Col. CMP
Provost Marshal 7th. US Army

Maurice J. Foss
Maj. CMP
Security

Roland H. Mc. Intire
Lt. Col. CMP
Executive Officer

Exam Grade - 96
NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

App. not Req.

Carroll Edward Keen

Order No. 13423 has been classified in Class I-A, 19...

(Limit date for Class I-D and I-E only)

by

Local Board.

[Box unchecked]

Board of Appeal (by vote of 10).

[Box checked]

President.

5-27-64.

Joseph P. Farnese

(Member of local board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 1), in your possession at all times—please exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—on embarkation, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officers.

Select Service

Local Board No. 1
Newport News City

MAY 28 1946

Atrio, 30 St. & Va. Ave.
Newport News, Va.

(1945 Local Date Stamp with Code)

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Proudly We Hail
the return of

Brother

Who answered the call of his Country
in the defense of
Liberty, Humanity, and the Cause of Democracy

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

ATTEST:

SUPREME Keeper of Records and Seal

Charles J. Schuck
SUPREME CHANCELLOR
Duplicate REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in accordance with the
Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

CARROLL  EDWARD  KEEN
(first name)  (middle name)  (last name)

344-53rd St., Newport News, Va
(place of residence)

has been duly registered this 30 day of June 1942

Hazel Wood
(signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board 1 Newport News, Va
(number) (city or county) 33

THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  1942-1-7

DESCRIPTON OF REGISTRANT

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Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification

None
Army of the United States

SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST.

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The return may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL
KEEN, CARRIE E.

2. ARMED FORCES SECURITY No.

3. ARMY SERIAL No.
33 858 392

4. GRADE
Cpl

5. SOCIAL SECURITY No.
Unknown

6. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL DESIGNATION

7. CURRENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

8. DISABILITY DISQUALIFIED

9. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY

10. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE
31 Aug 1944

11. DATE OF SEPARATION
19 May 1946

12. DATE OF BIRTH
8 Apr 1922

13. PLACE OF SEPARATION
Seabees Center

14. CITY, COUNTRY OF SEABEE: No change

15. HOME ADDRESS (Street, City, State)

16. GRADE AND SOCIAL SECURITY No.

17. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL DESIGNATION

18. TOTAL MONTHS IN CURRENT OCCUPATION
5 1/4

19. TOTAL MONTHS Served IN TOTAL OCCUPATION
5 1/4

20. TOTAL MONTHS IN MILITARY SERVICE
5 1/4

21. TOTAL MONTHS IN MILITARY OCCUPATION
5 1/4

22. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

23. DATE OF SEPARATION
19 May 1946

24. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION (Street, City, State)

25. EDUCATION

26. DIPLOMA

27. YEAR OF GRADUATION
1939

28. OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING

29. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL ATTENDED

30. MILITARY OCCUPATION

31. TITLE—DESCRIPTION

32. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

MILITARY POLICEMAN—Patrolled highways, cities, and military installations.

INVESTIGATED STOLEN OR LOST MILITARY PROPERTY. RETURNED PRESENTERS TO STOREKES.

GUARDED PRISONERS OF WAR AND GARRISON PRISONERS. AIDED CIVIL AUTHORITIES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CASES IN WHICH MILITARY PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY WAS INVOLVED.

SHIP FITTER—Employed for 2½ years prior to entering military service by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. Laid out lines for ship plates and all other metal parts. Levelled bulkheads and assemblies, did tack welding, and checked completed work against blueprinted specifications.